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LONDON IS CORRECT IN NOTING CHANGE IN OUR THINKING ON QUESTION
OF PRESSURE. IN OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOCAE OFFICIALS,
INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN AMBASSADORS AND FRENCH DIPLOMATS, WE HAVE
BEEN ADVISED WITHOUT EXCEPTION THAT BOKASSA WILL NOT REACT TO
DIRECT PRESSURE. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN RESULTS OF IPT'S ATTEMPT TO
GET TO HIM ON GOLDSMITH QUESTION. CONCENSUS HERE IS THAT BOJUSSA
IS WAITING FOR A BRITISH INITIATIVE AND MIGHT ULTIMATELY AGREE
TO RELEASE GOLDSMITH TO A BRITISH EMISSARY. THERE IS, OF COURSE,
NO ASSURANCE THAT BOKASSA WILL REACT IN THIS WAY. HOWEVER, AS
LONDON IS AWARE (BANGUI 1592) IDEA OF AN EMISSARY DID COME TO
US FROM IMPERIAL COURT ADVISER BARKAN WHO HAD TALKED TO BOKASSA
ABOUT GOLDSMITH CASE. FCO MAY WISH TO SOUND OUT CAE AMBASSADOR
IN PARIS ON TACTICS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE MOST PRODUCTIVE.

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